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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AND THE LINCOLN HERITAGE

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Perhaps no other individual and a particular region in America are more intimately associated in people's thinking than Abraham Lincoln and Illinois. Born in Kentucky, Lincoln grew to manhood in Indiana, then came here to attain greatness and give to Illinois its designation as the "Land of Lincoln."

More than a century has passed since he left the state. Through these hundred intervening years his stature has grown. The appeal of the Lincoln story has not lessened. Rather, it has become a world story knowing no land, social, religious, or racial barriers. Excepting Christ and Apostle Paul, more has been written about him, much of it in strange languages, than about any other man that has lived. The fame he attained has not faded, nor his appeal to the common man diminished.

Accounts of incidents associated with him are eagerly sought and recorded. More interested persons are seeking out the places that knew him and are visiting them.

This folder and map are offered as guides to some of those places where Lincoln paused. They are not meant, however, solely for that purpose. They also are intended to be helpful in guiding visitors to other places with historical, scientific, scenic, and literary appeal. Along with all these are other localities that offer recreational opportunities. There also are many quiet places along the way where one may stop and simply rest.

Nature has places much of interest along that portion of the "Lincoln Heritage Trail" in Southern Illinois. There are scenic drives across the hills and woodlands of Shawnee National Forest. There are walled-in hollows and rocky ledges to clamber about and explore. There are landscapes that hint of the wide prairie.

A number of lakes and streams await those wanting to wade, fish, boat, or swim. Miles of inviting shore line, untracked fields and native woodlands challenge those who want to do a bit of personal exploring. There are pleasing camp sites for those who would do just plain sky-roofed camping.

Many interesting geological formations and fossil deposits beguile the "rock hound." Indian camp grounds are here for those who like to prowl over them and look for native artifacts. A rich and diverse plant, bird, insect, and mammal life is here for those interested in any phase of nature study.

There are sites of once important villages, now vanished. There are vestiges of other towns, reluctantly on their way to join those departed. Many deserted farmsteads tell stories to properly attuned ears.

All these are amidst a growing new industrial area and an interesting people.

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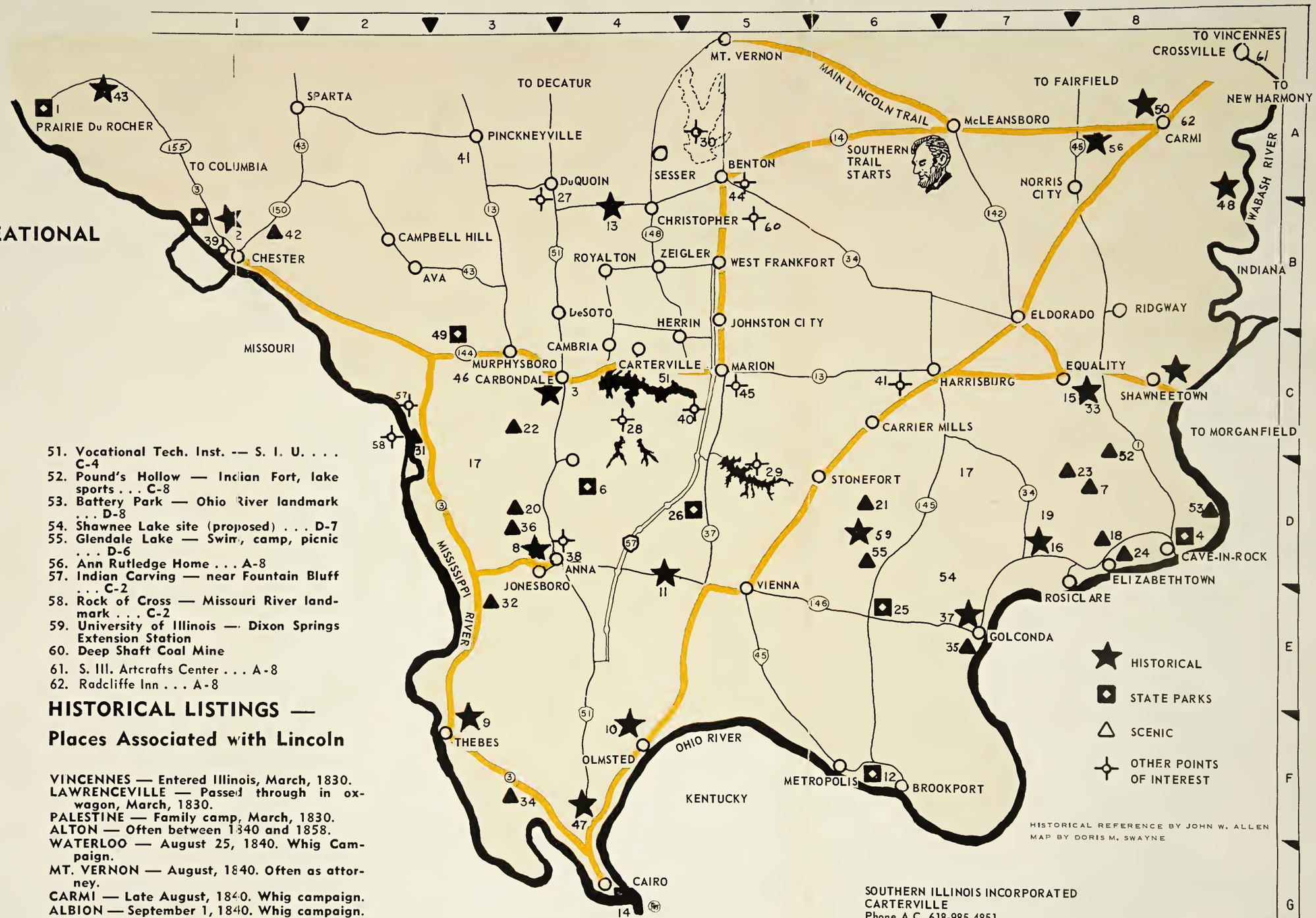

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HISTORICAL LISTINGS —

Places Associated with Lincoln

VINCENNES — Entered Illinois, March, 1830.
LAWRENCEVILLE — Passed through in ox-wagon, March, 1830.
PALESTINE — Family camp, March, 1830.
ALTON — Often between 1840 and 1858.
WATERLOO — August 25, 1840. Whig Campaign.
MT. VERNON — August, 1840. Often as attorney.
CARMI — Late August, 1840. Whig campaign.
ALBION — September 1, 1840. Whig campaign.
FAIRFIELD — Sept. 2, 1840. Whig campaign. First endorsement by Republican County Committee for presidential candidate, March 3, 1860.
SHAWNEETOWN — September 2, 1840. Several days. Later defense counsel in murder trial.
EQUALITY — Early September, 1840.
MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY — September, 1840. Whig campaign.
OLNEY — June 2-3, 1840. Counsel, Parks vs. Mason.
VANDALIA — Served in legislature.
THEBES — Oral accounts allege court practice here.
EDWARDSVILLE — May 17, 1858, and September 13, 1858, in contest with Douglas. Several other visits.
HIGHLAND — September 11, 1858, seeking German vote.
GREENVILLE — September 13, 1858. Senatorial campaign.
JONESBORO—September 15, 1858, third Douglas debate.
CENTRAL CITY — September 16, 1858, political rally.
SALEM — June 9, 1849. September 22, 1856. Latter during political campaign.
CALEDONIA — (now Olmsted) Hiram Borden's attorney in court.
BENTON — Tradition and letters indicate appeared as attorney here.
ALTON — Duel — Planned site of Shields' duel. Not enacted.
ENFIELD — Ann Rutledge — Girlhood home of legendary sweetheart from age 5-17.

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LAND OF LINCOLN

1. New Salem village, on the Heritage Trail where Lincoln lived during his early manhood, is open the year around. Even in winter it welcomes the visitor to the Land of Lincoln. Near Petersburg.

2. The old Nauvoo House, built by Mormon Prophet Joseph Smith when Nauvoo was Illinois' largest city 1839-1846. On the Western Trail.

3. The Lincoln Home in Springfield. The only house Lincoln ever owned and where he lived until he left Illinois in 1861 to assume the presidency.

4. Ohio River pirates used this cave in "Cave in Rock Park" just south of Old Shawneetown on the Southern Trail.

5. Lincoln Log Cabin, on the Heritage Trail near Charleston. The Lincoln family lived here while Lincoln was in New Salem and Springfield.

6. The Lincoln Tomb in Springfield on the Heritage Trail.

7. Vandalia State House, the capitol building of Illinois before the government was moved to Springfield. In this building Lincoln first served in an elective office as an Illinois legislator.

8. Statue of the young Lincoln at New Salem State Park on the Heritage Trail.

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